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1. German scientists' entry into US--SWNCC has approved a plan to facilitate the entry into the US and employment by government agencies and non-profit institutions of a limited number of Austrian and German scientists and technicians.
2. Withdrawal of Fifth Fleet Commander delayed--With reference to naval forces in the Western Pacific, the Navy reports that the withdrawal of Commander Fifth Fleet from Japanese waters, previously planned for 15 March, has been delayed. This does not affect the withdrawal or rotation of ships and aircraft from the Fifth Fleet to the Eastern Pacific. (Daily Summary of 8 March, item 2)

EUROPE-AFRICA

3. IRAN: Soviet moves--9 March reports from the US Consul in Tabriz disclose the following developments:
 - (a) At least two trains loaded with armored equipment, trucks, ammunition and supplies are arriving daily at Tabriz from the Soviet frontier. On the evening of 8 March the Consul saw ten "mammoth" tanks unloaded.
 - (b) There are continuous deployments in the direction of Tehran, as well as towards the Iraqi and Turkish frontiers. Despite these movements, it is estimated that there are at least four times as many Soviet troops in Tabriz as ever before, and more are still coming in.
 - (c) Total conscription for the Azerbaijan army has commenced with Soviet Azerbaijanis being used as officers, and large numbers of these native troops are also being sent towards Tehran and the west.

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(d) On the evening of 8 March, an anti-British and anti-American demonstration was held before the British Propaganda office in Tabriz during a broadcast of the recent US note to the Soviet Union. Although the Chief of Police and the Soviet Commandant were in the immediate vicinity, nothing was done to stop the disturbance.

The State Department has advised the Tabriz Consulate to send word every three hours that its communications are still open.

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according to the Turkish General Staff (1) the arming of Iranian Kurds is undoubtedly underway, with a revolt planned for late March or early April, probably in cooperation with Iraqi Kurds; and (2) while there is no sign of unrest among Turkish Kurds, the Turkish military authorities are alive to the possibility, and talks are now being held with Iraq regarding common security measures.

Ambassador Murray in Tehran reports that the Soviets have increased their garrison at Karaj (25 miles northeast of Tehran). He suggests that Soviet leaders, having already violated their agreement to withdraw troops, may decide to incite riots, occupy Tehran, and take over the central Government.

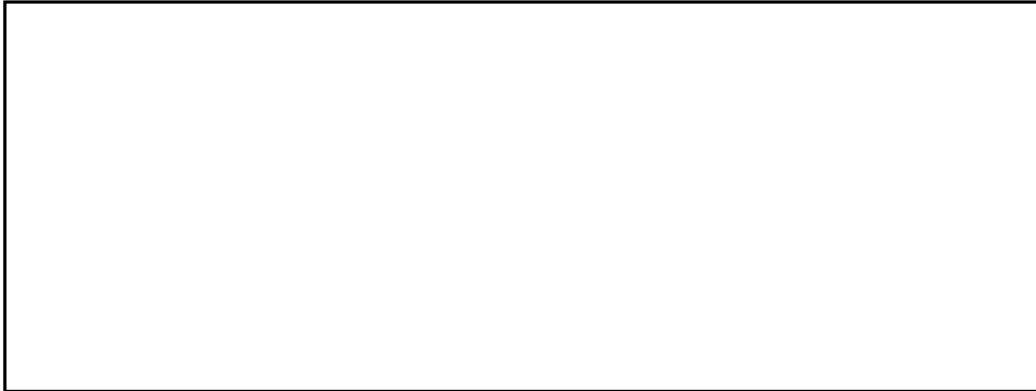
4. LEBANON: Troop evacuation plans completed--Embassy Paris reports that Britain and France have reached an agreement on plans for the withdrawal of troops from Lebanon. The British will complete their withdrawal by 30 June 1946 and the French by 1 April 1947.
5. BULGARIA: Soviet garrison increased--AFHQ Caserta has reported that the Soviet garrison in Bulgaria is now greater than at any time since the end of hostilities. Since 1 January Soviet forces have apparently been increased by two to three divisions and one armored corps. While these forces are considered sufficient for an attack against either Greece or Turkey (but not against both), indications

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are that the Soviets do not intend to attack but are intensifying their war of nerves in anticipation of the Greek elections and the Peace Conference.



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6. RUMANIA: Communists ask Soviets for curtailment of opposition.

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[redacted] the head of the Rumanian state security organizations recently delivered to Soviet authorities in the USSR a report by the Rumanian Communist Party describing (1) the increasing power and influence of the conservative opposition parties and (2) the potential danger of these parties to the Groza Government unless their activities are curtailed. This document is said to have been accompanied by a report from the Rumanian War Minister accusing foreign missions in Rumania of interfering in Rumanian politics and supporting the opposition parties.

7. USSR: Japanese Ambassador moves freely in Moscow--A staff member of Embassy Moscow recently saw the former Japanese Ambassador to Moscow walking along the city's main street with no greater supervision than that exercised over American and British representatives in recent years. The Japanese Embassy staff appears to enjoy similar freedom.
8. UK: Anglo-French-Soviet alliance--Embassy London reports that the UK Foreign Office is ready to take up the

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matter of an Anglo-French-Soviet alliance within the framework of the UNO. The Foreign Office declares that the UK does not attach significance or importance to the alliance, which would probably follow the form of the Anglo-Soviet pact and would be aimed entirely at a resurgent Germany.

9. FRANCE: Communist plot reported--G-2 USFET has reported information, based mainly on alleged copies of minutes of the Direction Politique of the French Communist Party, to the effect that a Communist coup d'etat is planned for about 4 April, with Soviet military support. The plan would be initiated with Spanish border incidents and includes Communist overthrow of the Franco regime as well as seizure of the French Government. The evidence, if authentic, would indicate considerable wishful thinking on the part of the Communists as to their own strength, Soviet capabilities, and weakness of the potential opposition.

In the absence of confirmatory evidence, G-2 USFET regards the alleged plan as "possible but not highly probable."

10. SPAIN: US opposes UNO action--The State Department in a note to the French Government has declined to join France in submitting the Spanish situation to the Security Council. The note states that the matter does not come within the jurisdiction of the Security Council, because there does not now exist in Spain a situation likely to endanger the maintenance of international peace.
11. GERMANY: Special UK troop currency--Embassy London reports that the British have decided to issue "canteen money" for use by their occupation troops in Germany. The step is being taken reluctantly in order to combat the speculative activities on "a deplorably large scale" that are being carried on by British troops.

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12. CHINA: UK backs US stand regarding Manchuria--Embassy
London has been informed by the Foreign Office that, if the Manchurian problem is referred to the Security Council, the UK will act in close collaboration with the US. Whether China will submit the matter to the Security Council will depend on the nature of Soviet replies on the Manchurian situation.

The UK considers the Soviet aims in Manchuria to be: (a) restoration of Russia's pre-1904 position despite the August 1945 Sino-Soviet agreement; and (b) occupation by Soviet troops until Japanese equipment required as war booty has been removed, a friendly administration is assured, and US troops have evacuated from north China.

The Chinese Foreign Minister has informed the British Embassy in Chungking that China has no grounds for official complaint over USSR removal of industrial equipment from Manchuria because the Soviet Government has proposed to hand over a portion of captured Japanese equipment and to arrange for joint operation of the rest.

13. JAPAN: British assume occupational responsibility--
General MacArthur reports that on 7 March the British Commonwealth Occidental Force commenced the assumption of occupational responsibility for Shikoku and 3 prefectures in southern Honshu.

Oversize Soviet Mission--General MacArthur reports that the size of the Soviet Mission--which at present totals 150 persons and is to be increased by 200 to 250 more--is completely out of proportion with those maintained by other nations in Tokyo. He concurs with State and War Department officials on the advisability of instituting a system of controls regarding the entry, travel and residence of foreigners in Japan.

Allied Council to convene--The JCS has informed General MacArthur that he should convene the first meeting of the Allied Council for Japan.

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15. INDIA-BURMA: Inactivation of Theater--CG India-Burma Theater estimates that his command can be inactivated by 30 June, or possibly by 1 June, but recommends that no definite date be fixed as yet. He proposes to turn over to the State Department's representatives by 1 April such of the Theater's responsibilities in Malaya, Indochina, and the Netherlands East Indies as are normally functions of the State Department, and to effect the turn-over in Burma and Siam as soon as possible.

THE AMERICAS

16. ARGENTINA: US policy--The State Department has directed all US Diplomatic Missions in Latin America (except in Argentina and Haiti) to inform the respective Governments that, irrespective of the outcome of the Argentine elections, evidence against the dominant elements in the Farrell-Peron Government of complicity with the enemy is so overwhelming that the US will refuse to sign a mutual assistance pact with any government in which those same elements play a principal role.

The Missions are also directed to ask the respective Foreign Offices for their views on concluding a mutual assistance pact with a government controlled by such elements as those described in the US Blue Book concerning Argentina.

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